

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 52-99]

Foreign-Trade Subzone 229A—Buffalo, WV; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority, Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc. (Automobile Transmissions)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the West Virginia Economic Development Authority, grantee of FTZ 229, requesting authority on behalf of Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc. (TMMWV), operator of Subzone 229A, at the TMMWV plant located in Buffalo, West Virginia, to expand the scope of FTZ authority to include the manufacture of automobile transmissions under FTZ procedures. It was formally filed on October 25, 1999.

Subzone 229A was approved in 1998 with activity granted for the manufacture of internal-combustion engines for automobiles (Board Order 955, 63 FR 9177, 2-14-98). An application for an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new engine capacity under FTZ procedures is currently pending (Docket 3-99, 64 FR 6877, 2-11-99).

TMMWV is now requesting that its scope of manufacturing authority be extended to include increased capacity for the production of automobile transmissions. The completed transmissions will be shipped to Toyota's automobile assembly plant in Kentucky. The TMMWV plant's capacity will be increased to produce 360,000 automatic transmissions per year, and the activity will involve machining and assembly using domestic and foreign-origin components. The expanded operations will maintain or reduce the current level of foreign-sourced components used in the manufacturing process. Components to be sourced from abroad will at the

outset comprise about 60% of the finished transmissions' material value, including: body check balls, spring pins, springs, rollers, spacers, snap rings, wire trim, neutral start switches, shims, and washer springs (duty rates: free—4.4%).

FTZ procedures would exempt TMMWV from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export. On transmissions shipped to domestic auto assembly plants, company would be able to choose the 2.5 percent automobile duty rate for the foreign inputs noted above when the transmissions (as components of autos) are processed for Customs entry. The transmission rate (2.6%) would apply to the foreign components if the finished transmissions are directly entered for consumption from the TMMWV plant. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 3, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to January 17, 2000).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, Suite 807, 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: October 25, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,*Acting Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating five-year ("sunset") reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notices of Institution of Five-Year Reviews covering these same orders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa G. Skinner, Scott E. Smith, or Martha V. Douthit, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-1560, (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-5050, respectively, or Vera Libeau, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, at (202) 205-3176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Initiation of Reviews**

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218 (see *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998)), we are initiating sunset reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders or suspended investigations:¹

DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Product
A-570-806	A-472	China	Silicon Metal.
A-351-806	A-471	Brazil	Silicon Metal.
A-357-804	A-470	Argentina	Silicon Metal.
A-823-805	A-673	Ukraine	Silicomaganese.
A-351-824	A-671	Brazil	Silicomaganese.
A-570-828	A-672	China	Silicomaganese.
A-580-812	A-556	Korea	DRAMS of 1 Megabit and Above.
A-588-823	A-571	Japan	Electric Cutting Tools.
A-583-820	A-625	Taiwan	Helical Spring Lock Washers.
A-570-822	A-624	China	Helical Spring Lock Washers.

¹ Although, as published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 29374 (May 29, 1998)), the final schedule and groupings of initiation of five-year sunset reviews of transition orders identified seven AD

and/or CVD orders on ferrosilicon from various countries for which sunset reviews would be initiated in November 1999, the Department has since rescinded those orders. See 64 FR 51097

(September 21, 1999) to notice of rescission. As such, we are not initiating reviews on those orders.